POINT B, METEOR
I'VE JUST CLEARED IT OUT
BUT ROC
ROC HERE
POINT A'S BEEN SECURED
I COULDN'T AVOID DAMAGING SOME OF THE CIVILIAN FACILITES... BUT THAT'S FINE
HOW ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
LittletBoy
He:YH18-MANTIS
Co:CO2-URANUS
An:A06-GIBSON2
Le:LH12-LYCAON
Bo:B05-GULL
Fa:FUGEN
Ge:CR-G91
Re:RO2-HAZEL2
In:NONE
Ex:NONE
Br:CS-WB85MPX
Bl:CR-WB85MPX
Ar:WH05M-SYLPH
Al:WH05M-SYLPH
Hea:NONE
Hel:NONE
A long ranged support build utilising large missiles as its main weaponry. It excels at quickly suppressing areas and to boost the combined firepower of an AC team. As it has a lower ammo capacity, it is highly risky to use in a solo operation

AND THE RADAR'S BEEN GOING IN AND OUT FOR THE LAST WHILE
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD?
WHY IS THE CLIENT GIVING US 10 GRAND EACH FOR A CLEAN-UP JOB...
Ellos
He:H10-CICADA2
Co:CR-C840/UL
An:CR-WA91MSM
Le:CR-LN91HM
Bo:NONE
Fa:MIROKU
Ge:KONGOH
Re:CR-R92
In:NONE
Ex:NONE
Br:WB260-HARPY
Bl:WB260-HARPY
Ar:NONE
Al:NONE
Hea:NONE
Hel:NONE
A hover-leg setup which utilises it's high speed to keep its enemies at a distance. It fights using multi-lock missiles and orbit weaponry. On the other hand, fighting at close range requires skill by the pilot to evade.

前回までのあらすじ
地域紛争が激化の一途をたどる時代――最強の巨大人型兵器として「アーマード・コア（AC）」が存在した。ACパイロット（レイヴン）の主人公は、父が作った企業に入社する。アリーナ（AC同士の闘いの場）で先輩レイヴンたちを倒しトップをとるべく闘い続ける。
...HEY, IT'S WORKING AGAIN...
Enemy AC detected
ROC!
WE'VE BEEN HAD!
IT'S-

Chapter 3: A fierce blaze

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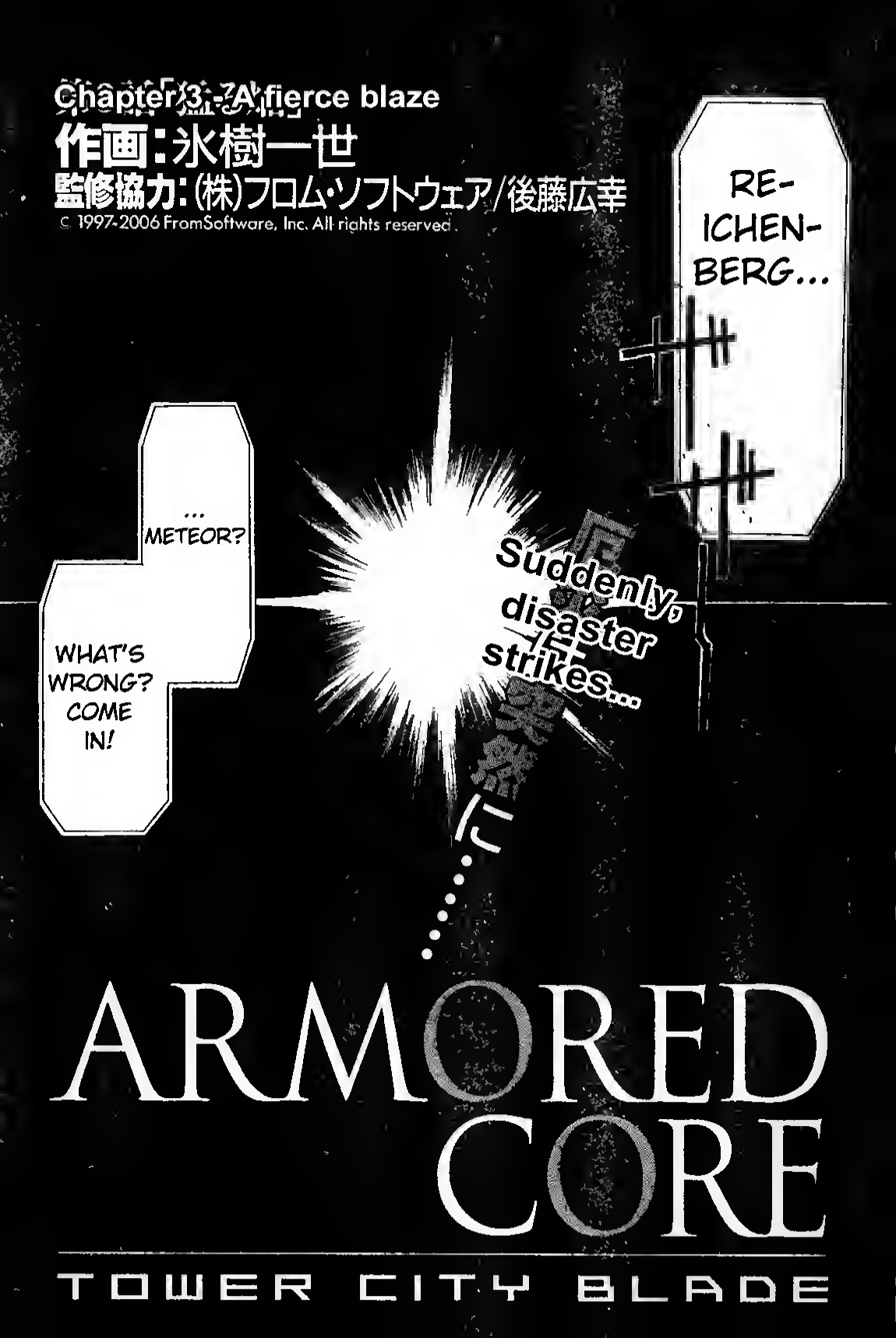
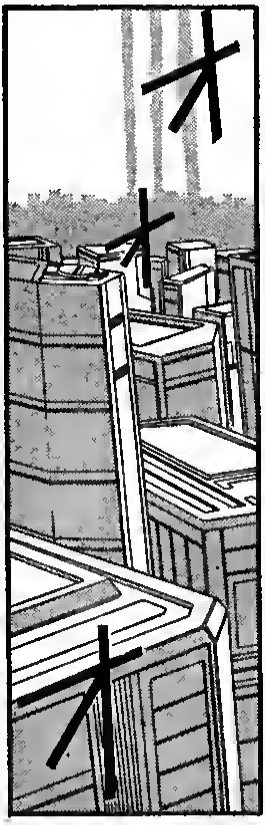


ARMORED CORE

TOWER CITY BLADE

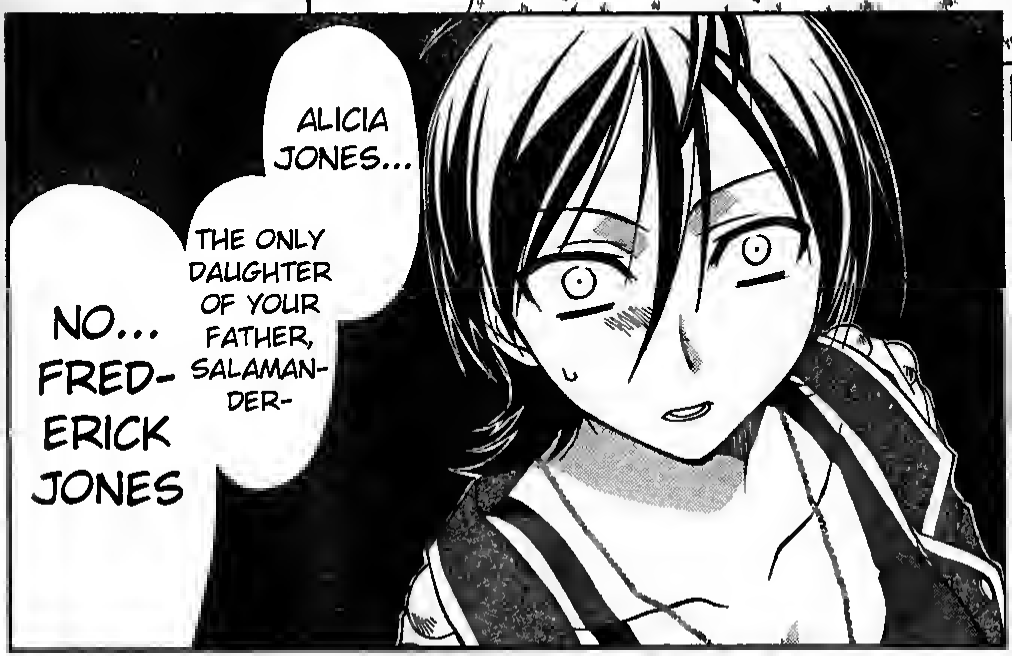


登場人物

純花／独立組織「フライトネスト」準メンバー。アリーナトップを取り、父が作った組織の正メンバーを目指す。

シュトルヒ／フライトネスト・準メンバー＆レイヴンズアークのメカニック。橘花の友人だが秘密の顔も持つ。

THERE'S SOMEONE AT MY DAD'S GRAVE...
墓石の前……
!
HEY... DID YOU KNOW MY...
MY APOL-OGIES
I CAME TO GIVE AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE THESE FLOW-ERS...
I TRIED TO COME AS EARLY IN THE DAY AS POSSIBLE... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS BEATEN TO THE PUNCH TODAY TOO
……!!
BUT WHO?!



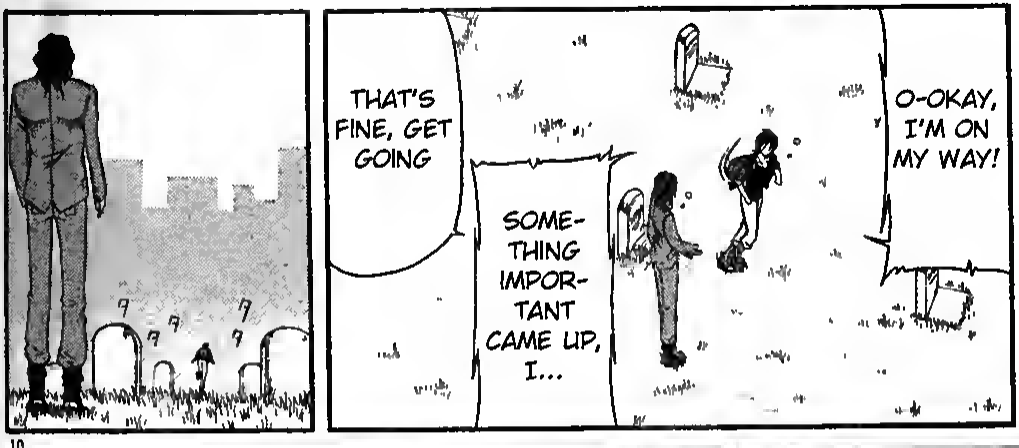
ロック／フライトネスト・リーダー。橘花の父が作った組織の現頭領であり、父親代わりに橘花を育ててきた。

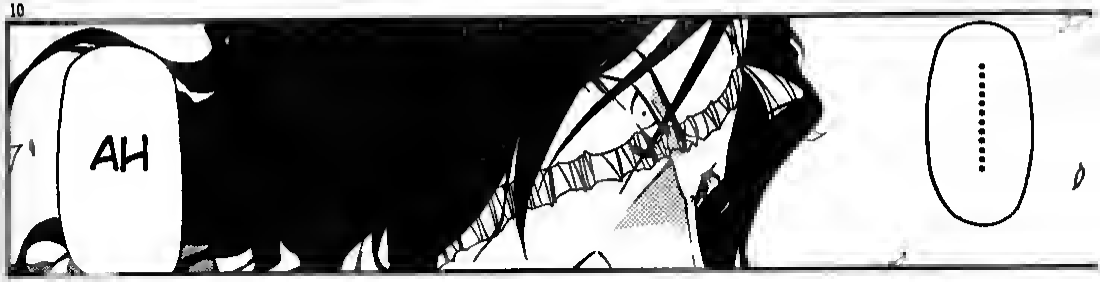
DID THIS PERSON ALWAYS GO HERE? 体……
UH… UM
HOW… DID YOU GET TO KNOW MY DAD?
OH?
……
FROM THE WAR… I GUESS
HE WATCHED MY BACK WHEN I WAS STILL A SOLDIER…
AH… I SEE
PHEW… I THINK I CAN TRUST THIS GUY
HE SAID HE WAS A SOLDIER…
DAD MUST'VE TOLD HIM ABOUT ME WHEN HE WAS ON ONE OF HIS TOURS WITH THE TEKISTAN ARMY
AND THEY WAITED UNTIL HIS FINAL MISSION BEFORE…
ANYWAY, ALICIA

ぽ
YOU'RE A A LOT TALLER THAN I REMEMBER
YOU GREW ...
TH-THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS
I'M NOT REALLY THAT TALL...
OH
ピ
ピ
ピ

KIKKA!
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU!
IT'S STORCH ...?
THAT'S UNUSUAL
SORRY
I DON'T MIND
HELLO..

!!!
ROC AND THEM CAME BACK... BUT METEOR'S BEEN...
JUST GET BACK HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
DID... SOMETHING HAPPEN?
SALAMANDER


THAT'S FINE, GET GOING
SOME-THING IMPOR-TANT CAME UP, I...
O-OKAY, I'M ON MY WAY!


AH
.....

I GUESS WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND
FRED-ERICK ...
SO SHE'S CALLING HERSELF KIKKA NOW, IS IT...
化しだったか……

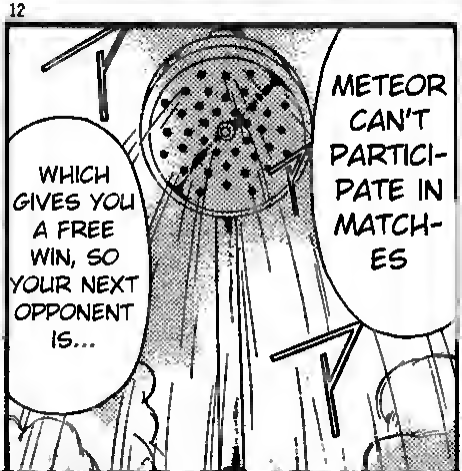
ROC!
METEOR!
Route 66

IT WAS RE-ICHEN-BERG
HAP-PENED ...?
...WHAT

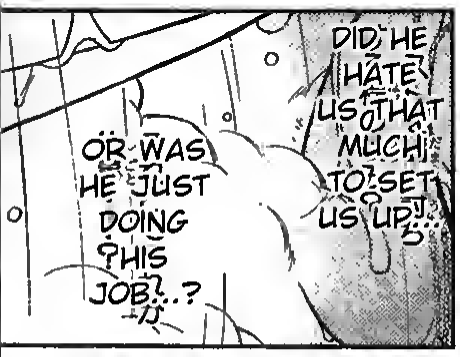
WHY WOULD HE...
SOMEBODY PROBABLY HIRED HIM TO GO AFTER US
IT'S JUST PART OF BEING A RAVEN
THAT FUCKER
SET US UP WITH A FAKE JOB!

AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT
THE ARK IS MAKING THEIR MOVE IN THE ARENA

FORTUNATELY, METEOR ISN'T IN A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION
YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON YOUR NEXT ARENA MATCH


METEOR CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES
WHICH GIVES YOU A FREE WIN, SO YOUR NEXT OPPONENT IS...

...WHY
ライヘンベルグ
DO I HAVE TO FIGHT HIM...?


DID HE HATE US THAT MUCH TO SET US UP...?
OR WAS HE JUST DOING THIS JOB...?
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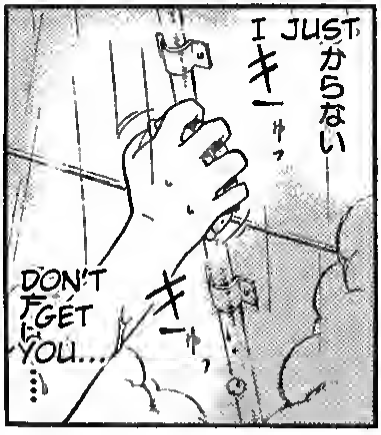
JUST
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I
キー
DON'T GET YOU...
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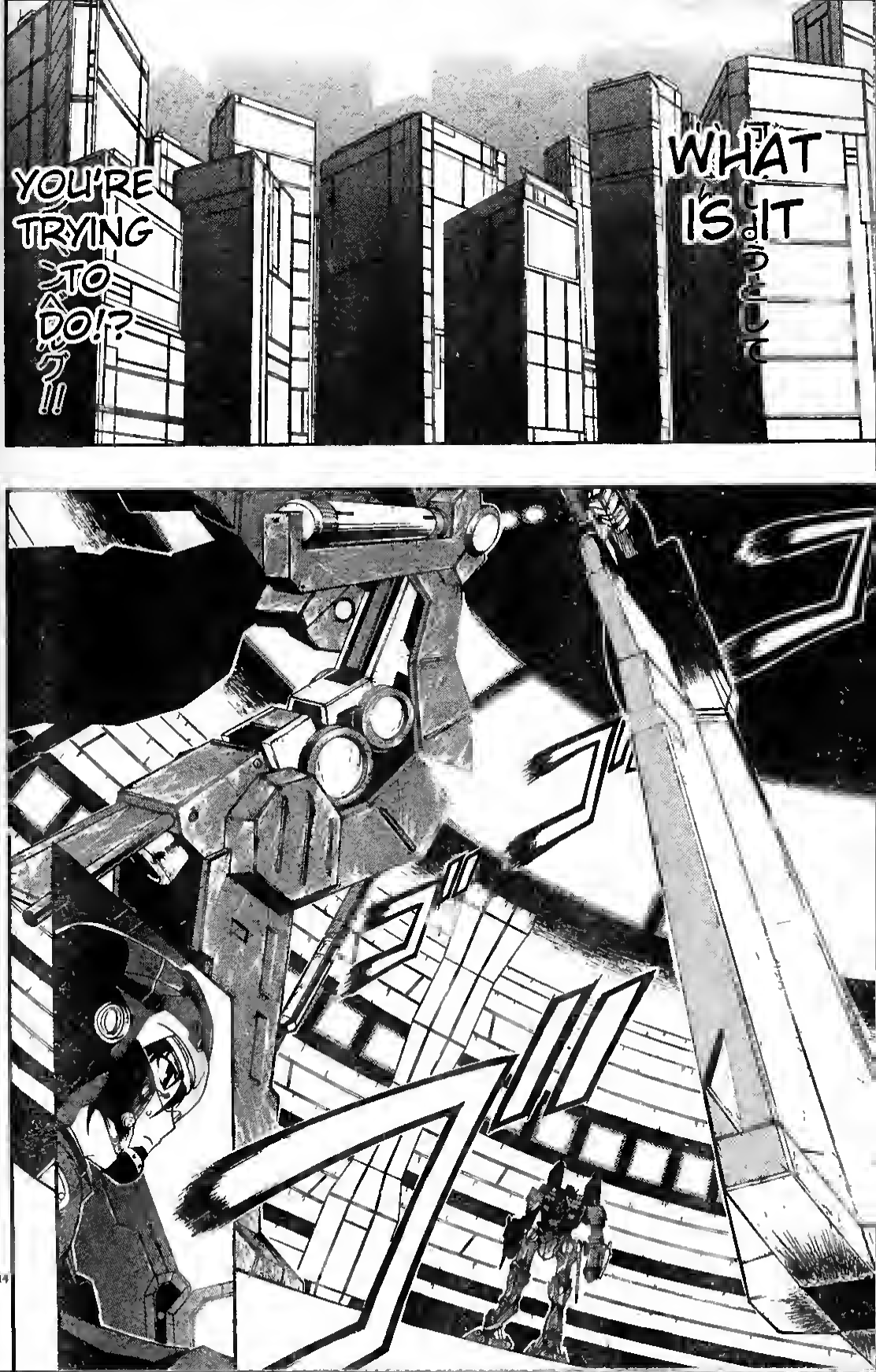
REICHENBERG
ライヘンベルグだ

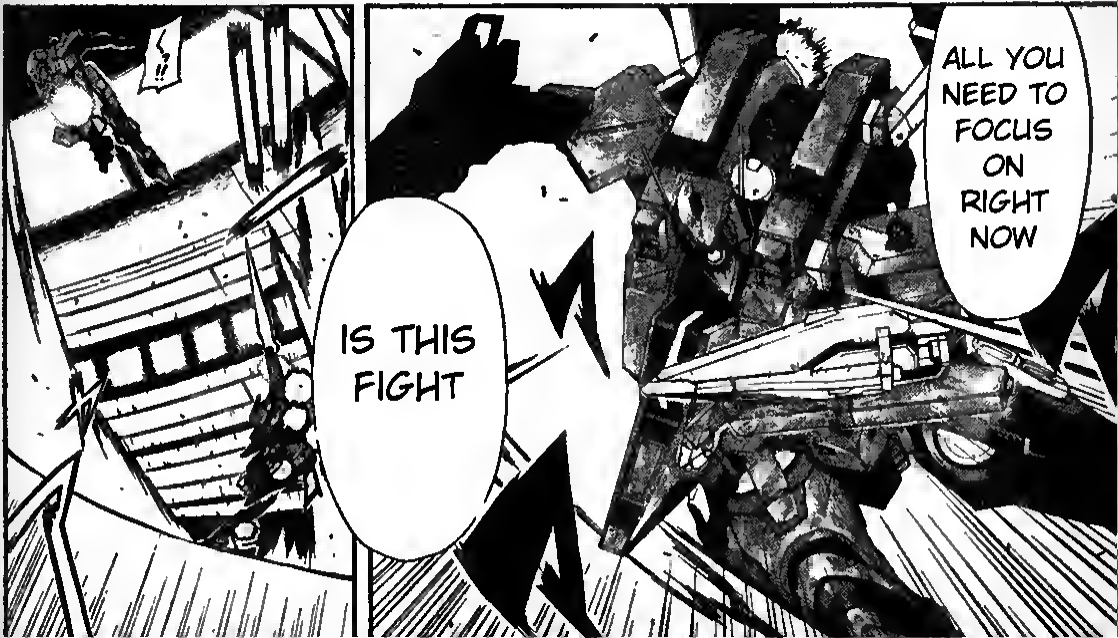

WHAT IS IT
YOU'RE TRYING TO DO!?

I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR GETTING THIS FAR WITH THE SETUP YOU'RE RUNNING
Grim-Fang
He:HO3-HORNET
Co:YC07-CRONUS
An:CR-A88FG
Le:LH07-DINGO2
Bo:CR-B83TP
Fe:MF01-MUREX
Ge:KONGOH
Ra:CR-R92
In:NONE
Ex:NONE
Bn:WB31B-PEGASUS
Bl:WB31B-PEGASUS
Ar:NIOH
Al:WL-MOONLIGHT
Hea:NONE
Hel:NONE
A setup based on ending the battle in a single attack. Using a combination of back boosters and light parts, it is fast and maneuverable. Truly an AC which gains its victories solely by the skill of its Raven. Imitators without the skill to back it up are asking for death when copying this design.
... YOU'VE DONE WELL TO GET ALL THE WAY HERE

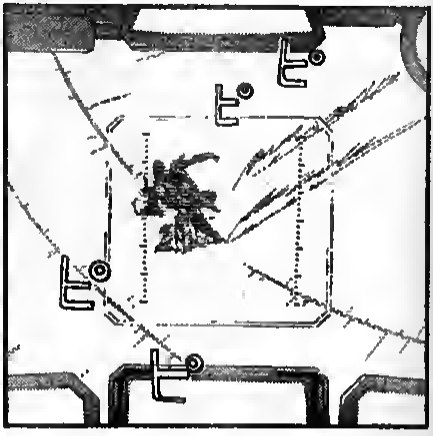
BUT I NEED TO KNOW
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE A BAD IMPRESSION SEEING AS HOW THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET FACE TO FACE
... HMM ?
RE-ICHENBERG
I'M GOING TO ROLL OVER AND GIVE YOU MY SPOT
THAT DOESN'T MEAN

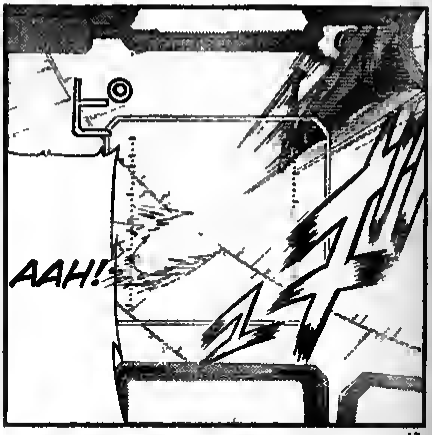
WHY DID YOU SET US UP
WHAT IS YOUR PLAN!?

YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW
……


!!
IS THIS FIGHT
ALL YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON RIGHT NOW

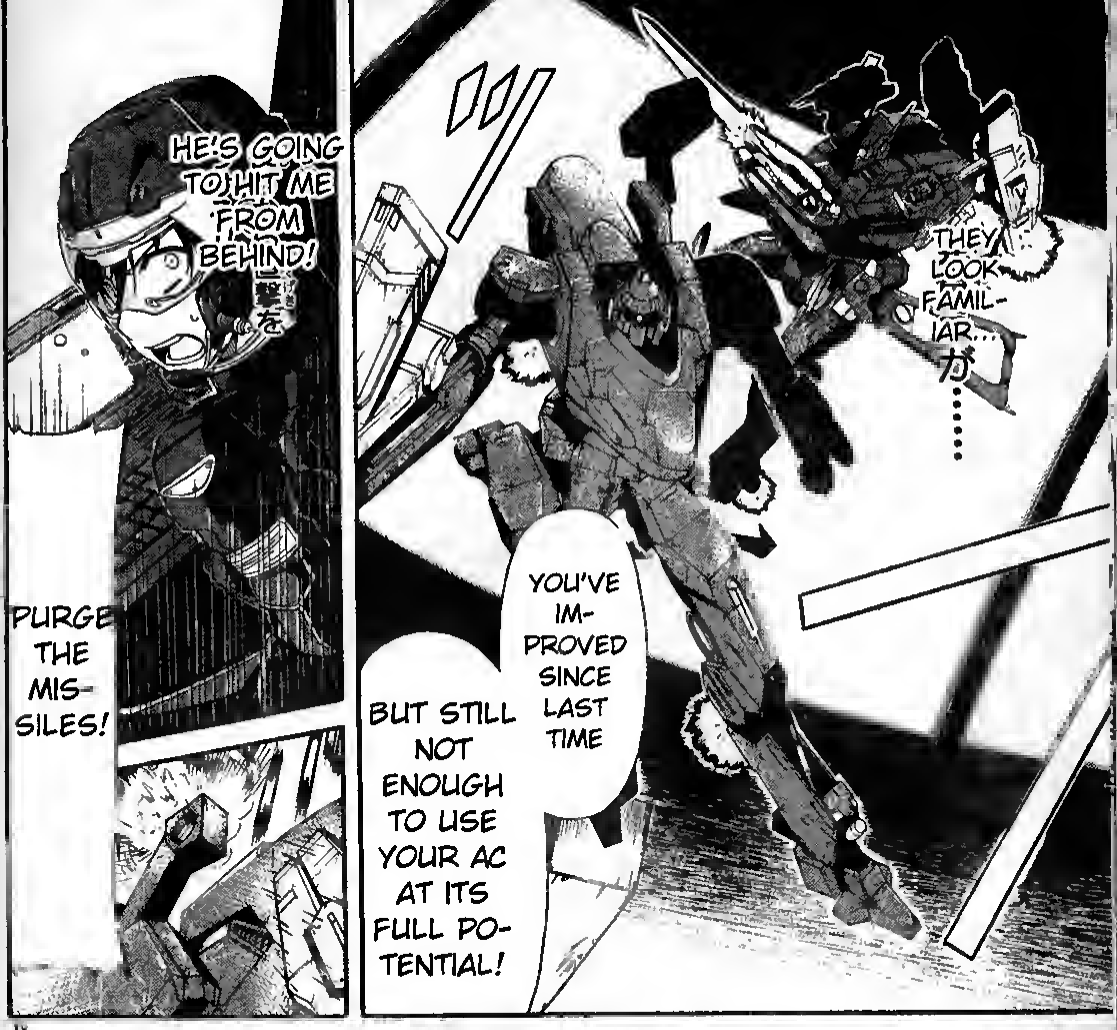
HOW IS HIS AC SO FAST?
ACの
IT ISN'T THAT MY FCS IS MALFUNCTIONING
I CAN'T KEEP HIM IN MY SIGHTS!

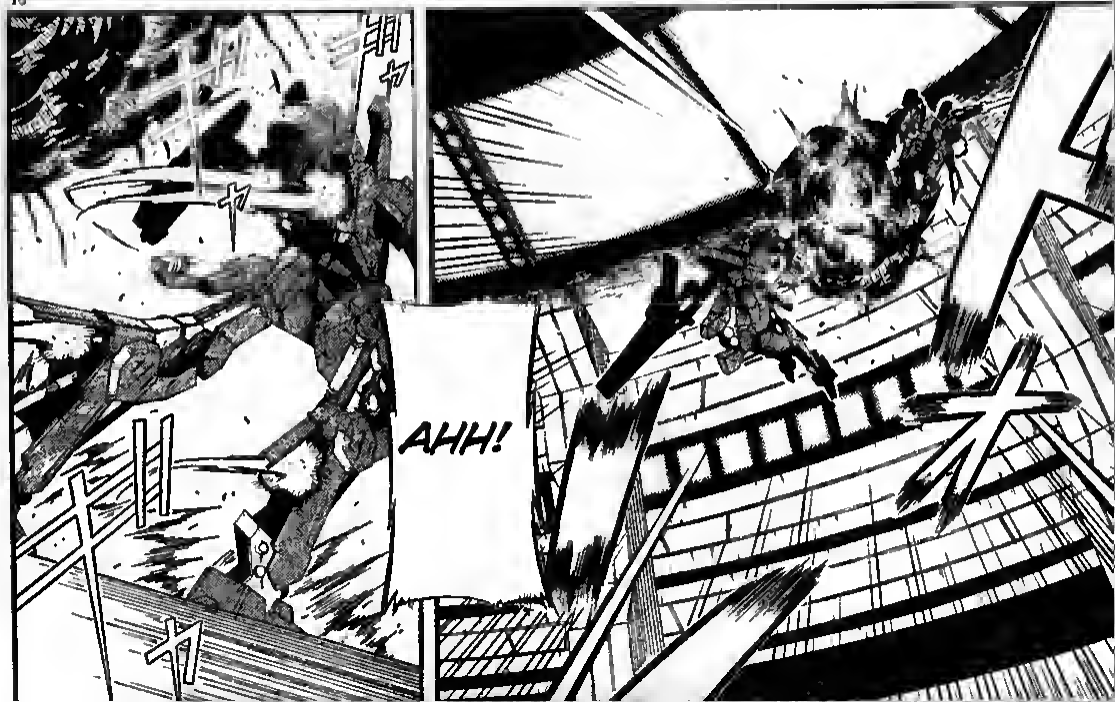



AAH!

BUT ODDLY...
どもたろう
THE PARTS ARE DIFFERENT, BUT THOSE MOVEMENTS...
つけど

HE'S... AMAZING
NOT ONLY IS HIS AC FINELY TUNED
HIS BUILD, EVERYTHING, WORKS TOGETHER AS ONE


HE'S GOING TO HIT ME FROM BEHIND!
一撃を
PURGE THE MISSILES!
THEY LOOK FAMILIAR...
が……
YOU'VE IMPROVED SINCE LAST TIME
BUT STILL NOT ENOUGH TO USE YOUR AC AT ITS FULL POTENTIAL!


AHH!

-HMM
YOU PURGED THE BACK MISSILES SO IT WOULD EXPLODE ON ME WHEN I ATTACKED
AND USING THE EXPLOSION, YOU MANAGED TO GET AWAY
BUT
YOU'RE TOO SLOW

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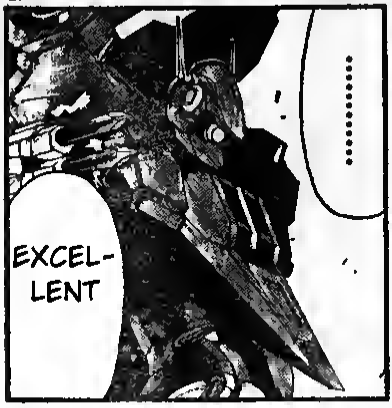
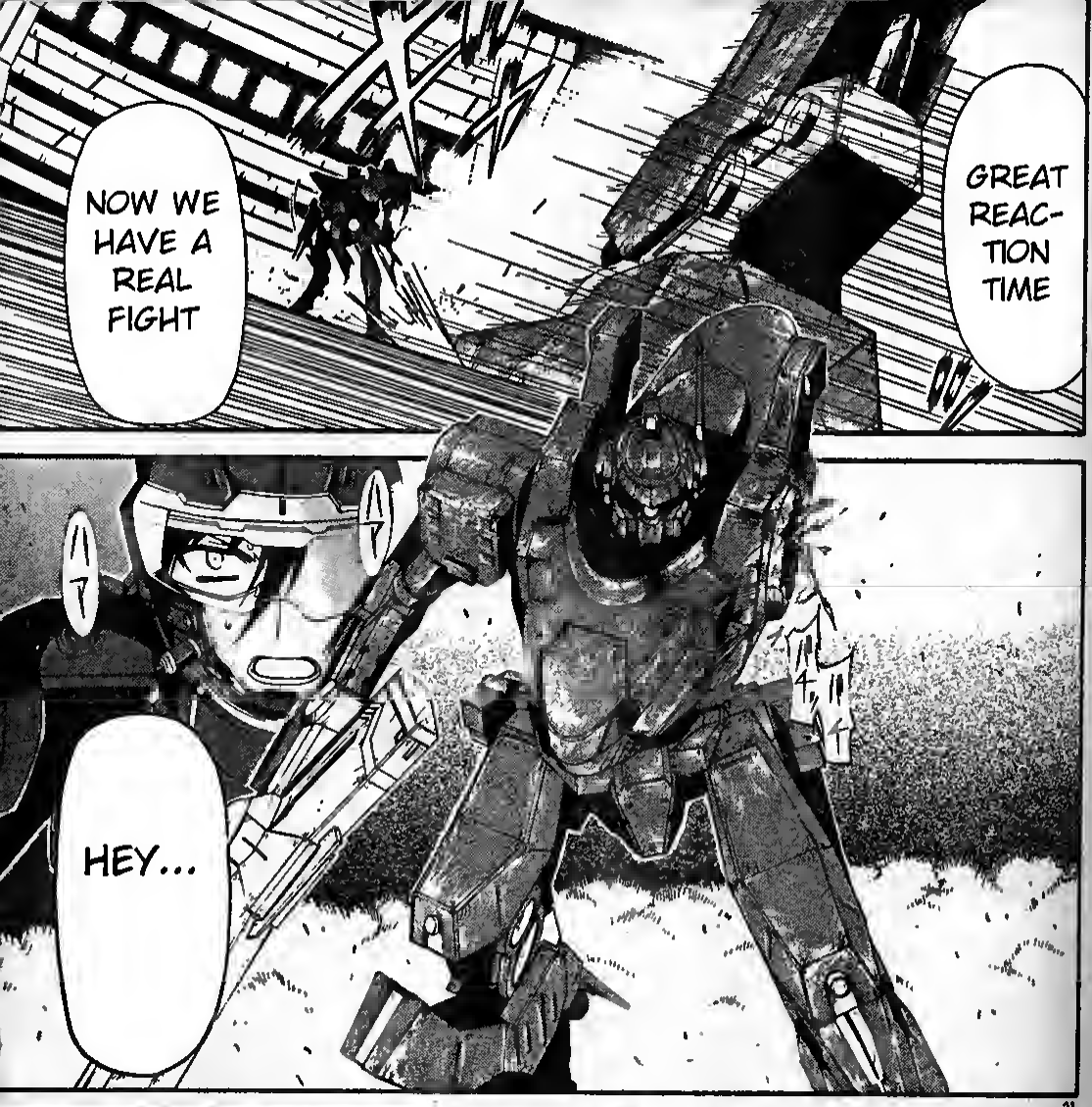
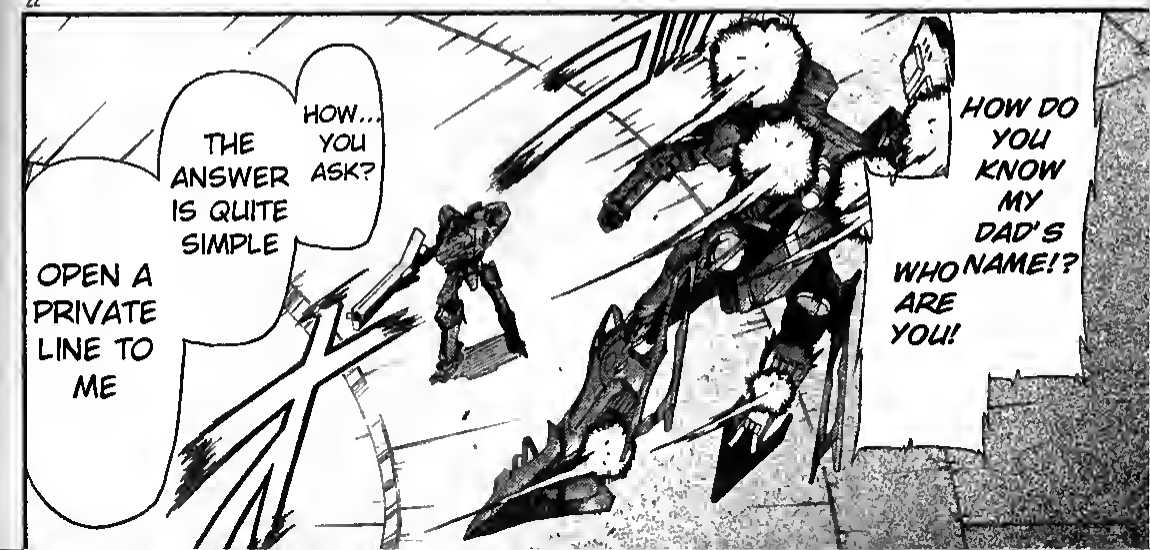

EXCEL-
LENT
.....

KIKKA!


NOW WE HAVE A REAL FIGHT
GREAT REAC-TION TIME
HEY...

KIKKA
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SURVIVE PAST THIS BATTLE
HE'S TO-TALLY TOYING WITH YOU
WE'VE JUST STARTED AND MY BLADE AND MISSILES ARE AL-READY GONE
THE ONLY WEAPON I'VE GOT LEFT IS THE ENERGY RIFLE!

JUST LIKE SALA-MAN-DER...
NO
LIKE FRED-ER-ICK...
!!?


HOW DO YOU KNOW MY DAD'S NAME!?
WHO ARE YOU!
HOW... YOU ASK?
THE ANSWER IS QUITE SIMPLE
OPEN A PRIVATE LINE TO ME

BZZZ ZZZZ ZTTT
KCH- CCHT.
HUH... KIKKA? KIKKA!
TCH... SHE SHUT THE LINE ON ME!
...IT'S DONE
NOW TELL ME, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY DAD?
RE- ICHEN- BERG ...?
ANSWER ME!
... VERY WELL
I'LL TELL YOU

MY REAL NAME IS ALFRED
THE FORMER SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMANDER OF THE FELTORICAN ARMY
ALFRED HYDERICH
え……
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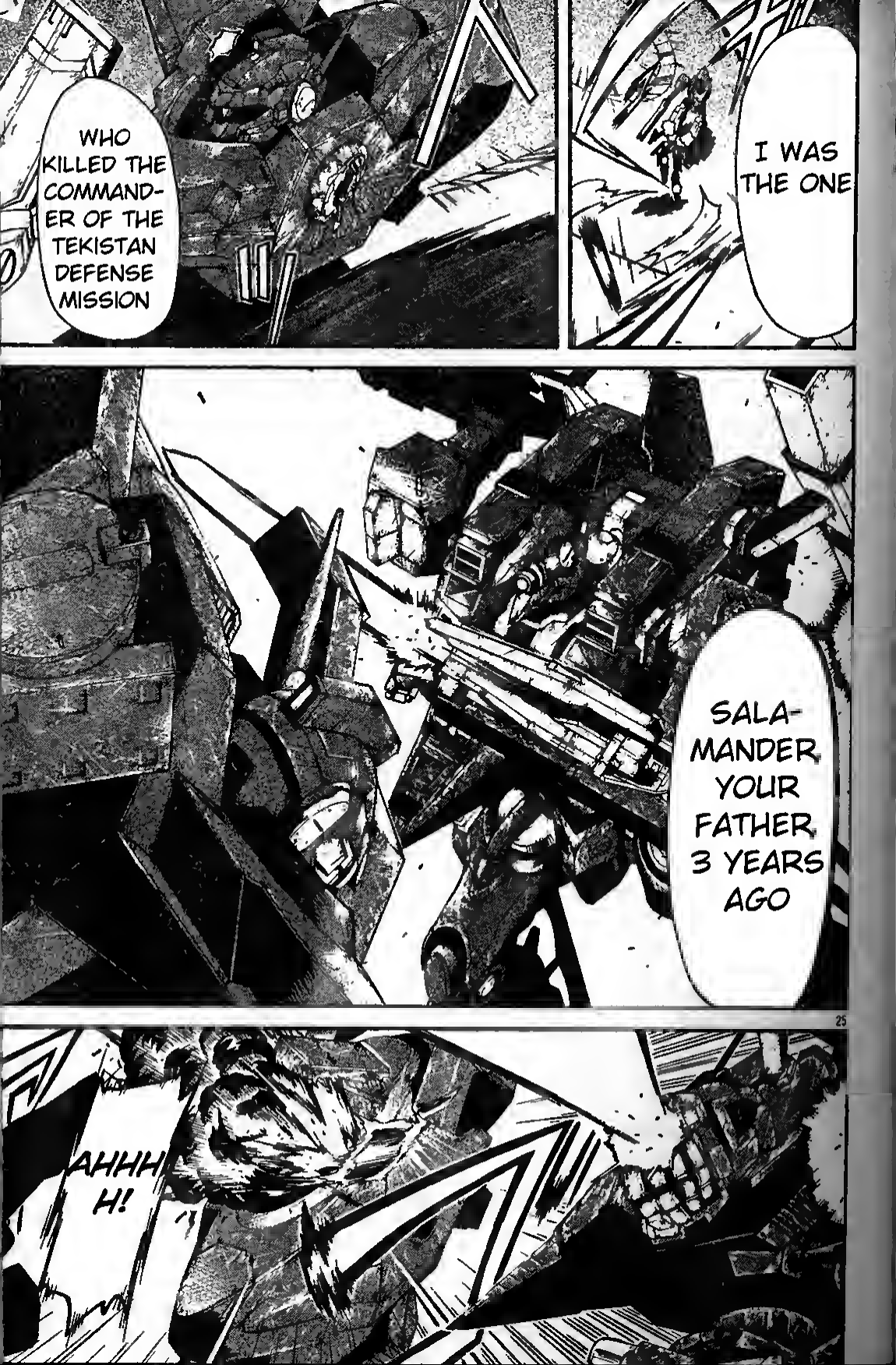
R-RE-ICHENBERG
WHAT ARE YOU...
AND ON TOP OF THAT

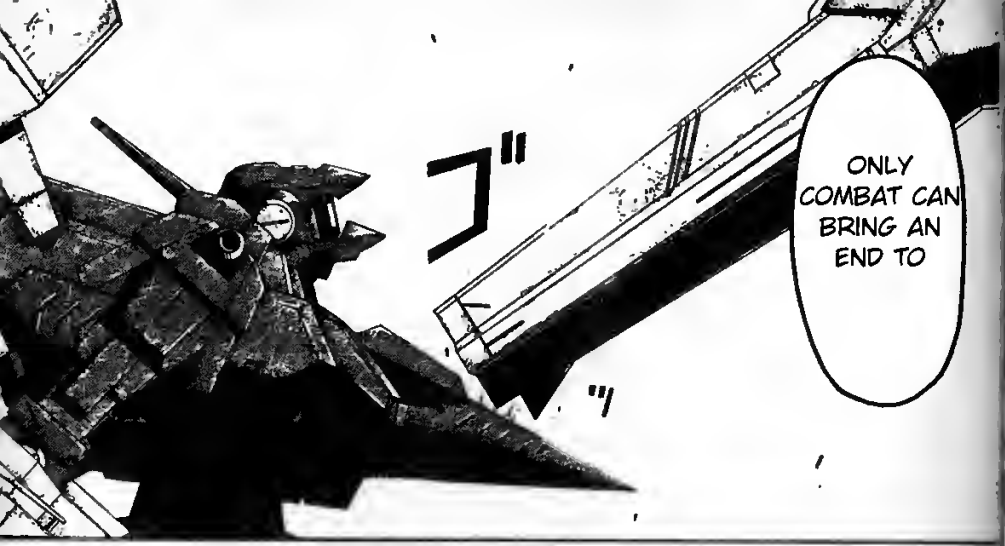

WHO KILLED THE COMMAND-ER OF THE TEKISTAN DEFENSE MISSION
I WAS THE ONE
SALA-MANDER, YOUR FATHER, 3 YEARS AGO
AHHH H!

KIKKA ...?

LYING TO ME
IT'S TRULY A SHAME TO LOSE SOMEONE LIKE HIM
THIS WHOLE TIME...?
ていた……?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE... WHY IS REICHENBERG...
FREDERICK REALLY WAS A TALENTED PILOT
HE HAD TAKEN CARE OF ME THIS WHOLE TIME!
...WAS HE JUST...

IF IT'S AT ALL POSSI-BLE I'D LIKE YOU TO PUT UP
THAT'S A FI-ENOUGH
27
DON'T YOU DARE
OB acti-vated
STAIN MY DAD'S NAME
WITH YOUR WORDS !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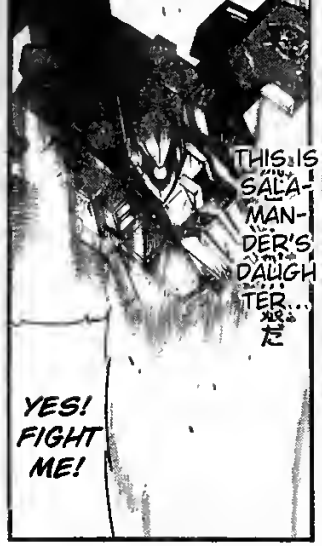
ONLY COMBAT CAN BRING AN END TO


THIS IS SALAMANDER'S DAUGHTER...
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YES! FIGHT ME!

HNN ...!
IT'S LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON IS AT THE CONTROLS NOW
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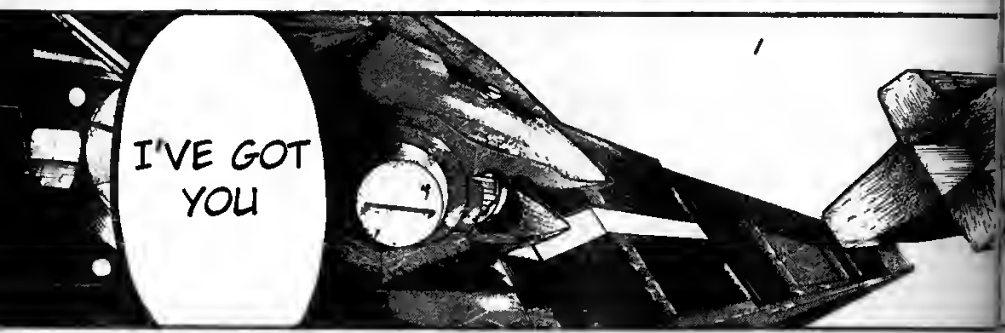
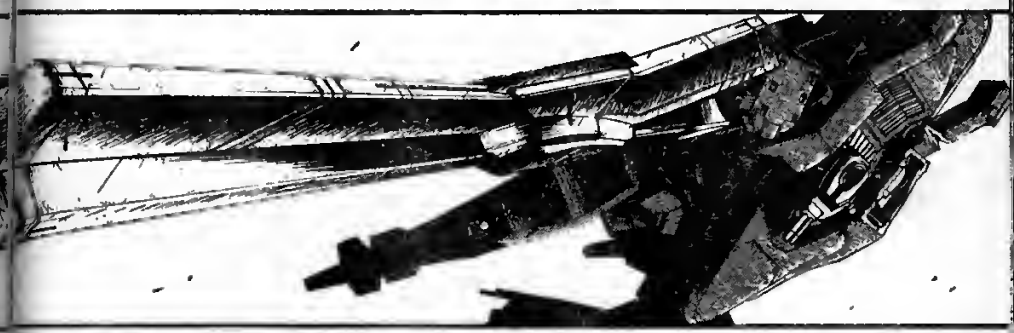
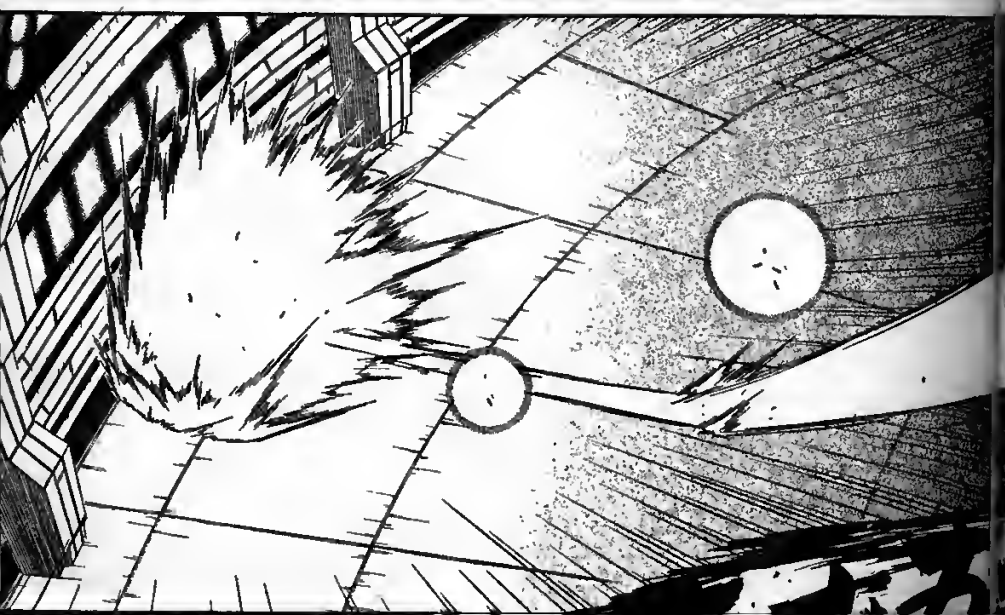

I'VE GOT YOU





Grim Fang, AP 0%
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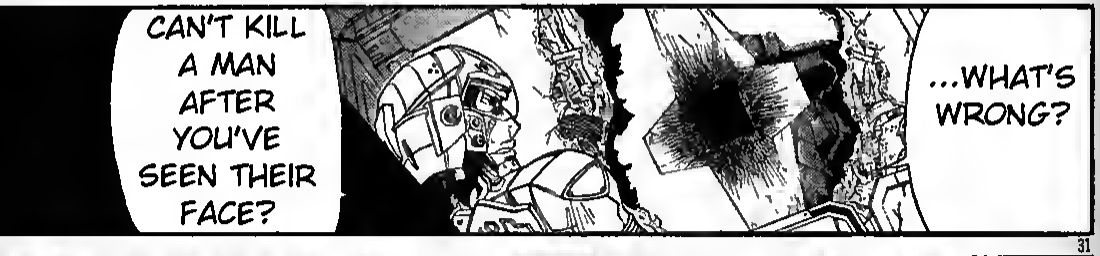
THIS FIGHT
HAD NOTH-ING TO DO WITH THE ARENA
Winner, Vulcan saber

YOU'RE ...
I'LL BLOW YOU AND YOUR AC
YOU'RE TTYHE GGHUY FROM ...!
TO PIECES ...
!!


CAN'T KILL A MAN AFTER YOU'VE SEEN THEIR FACE?
...WHAT'S WRONG?

!
THAT'S STOP-PING YOU FROM PULLING THE TRIG-GER?
OR IS IT PITY

...THIS IS THE ARENA
YOUR SURVIVAL IS GUARANTEED UNTIL WE MEET ON A REAL BATTLEFIELD...
我、FREDERICKよ
IS THIS YOUR WAY OF GETTING BACK AT ME お前への
たろうか……
UNTIL WE MEET ON THE BATTLEFIELD... HUH…か
SO YOU'RE... TELLING ME I SHOULD LIVE ON...
...ELZA
I'M SORRY

IT LOOKS LIKE
DADDY'S GOING TO BE EVEN FURTHER AWAY FROM YOU NOW...

... MEH
I GUESS SHE WANTS SOME TIME ALONE

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YOU'VE GROWN
YOU REALLY HAVE...
IS THIS ANOTHER TRIAL ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING A TRUE RAVEN...?
...WHY...
DRAGON AGE 5 につづく

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ANYWAY, GIVING ORDERS LIKE THIS?
WHAT,
ARE YOU DENSE? ARE YOU RETARDED OR SOMETHING? WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?
I'M THE GODDAMN BATMAN.

YOU EX-
PECTED
SOME
CUTE
GIRL?
TOO
BAD!
IT'S
ME,
RANCE
!
GAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA-
HA

Terminology used and notes:

AP stands for Armor Points, meaning effective health

OB stands for Overed Boost, a stronger version of the regular thruster boost at the expense of large amounts of energy

A "Plus" refers to the terms "Human Plus" or "Optional Part - Intensify" in the series. They are as described in the comic; people who have undergone procedures to have beyond human capabilities, the most prominent being the ability to fire back-equipped cannons in mid-air (the game restricts the player from doing so normaly)

The Raven's Ark is an organisation which manages all Ravens in terms of getting them contracts and keeping track of their whereabouts

Finally, for those curious, Tekistan and Feltorica are made up factions unique to this story and the Armored Core: Fort Tower Song light novel. They have not appeared in any other Armored Core works. - SMG